



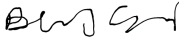
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HOME BASE OPT-IN TOOL AND PRICING FOR 2020-2021

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is pleased to announce that the full suite of Home Base is available with many new and updated features to all districts and charter schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Among them are:

[NCEES Unified Talent Perform Enterprise and Professional Learning](#)

- Effective educator evaluation instruments and professional development plans in the Perform Enterprise component of NCEES available to PSUs include:
 - Rubrics based on NC teacher and administrator standards;
 - Observations that inform teacher/staff growth;
 - End of year evaluation ratings;
 - Free access to NCDPI self-paced Canvas and Moodle modules aligned to staff standards & elements, and focus areas;
 - Staff dashboards to track CEUs earned through DPI and local PD course modules, and varied PD learning opportunities;
 - Transfer Credit Manager – manages approvals for CEUs earned outside of the district to show on staff transcripts.
- The PD office provides the ability to:
 - Create and manage local professional learning opportunities and track CEUs;
 - Share local PD/CEU opportunities with other PSUs for regional or shared events.
- PSUs are given access to NCEES Professional Learning PD office component for \$1/ADM (this fee also includes access to Schoolnet).

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Schoolnet

- New features for 2020-21 include:
 - Assessment item banks and the ability to create local item banks, streamlined assessment item and passage search, and integration with #GoOpenNC (Spring 2020);
- Additional assessment features like text to speech, multiple standards alignment, and Gap Match technology-enhanced items;
- Formative assessment items for many secondary Career and Technical Education courses;
- Robust reporting features, including benchmark reporting dashboard, standard performance reports, and an updated teacher dashboard with one-click access to pre-formatted reports;
- PSUs are given access to Schoolnet for the same low price as last year - \$1/ADM (this fee also includes access to NCEES Unified Talent).

Canvas (available with state-negotiated convenience pricing)

- Robust learning management system with LTI connections available for many popular learning tools such as Flipgrid, Khan Academy, Nearpod, and Quizlet;
- Supports personalized digital learning with mastery paths to quickly customize learner experiences based on content mastery;
- Access to more than 55 fully developed courses on the NC Canvas Commons including NCVPS and DLC's for Teachers content;
- Districts and charter schools can acquire Canvas for an additional cost of \$3.92 per user through the state-negotiated convenience contract.

Learning.com (available with state negotiated convenience pricing)

- EasyTech - a complete online digital literacy curriculum that provides an engaging way to teach essential digital literacy skills through interactive lessons, application exercises, discussions, and quizzes;
- Inquiry - a supplemental curriculum that takes a project-based approach to integrating digital literacy into instruction with ready-to-go, technology-infused projects for all core subjects;
- Digital Literacy Assessment - assessments that provide real-time data to quickly determine students' grasp of digital literacy concepts;
- Training - workshops and a vast array of on-demand resources such as webinars, downloadable recordings, and online content designed to address schools' and districts' unique instructional goals;
- Pricing: \$7.50 per user or \$3,200 per building license (whichever is most cost effective).

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Imagine Math (available with state negotiated convenience pricing)

- Rigorous, standards-aligned digital supplemental math program that personalizes learning for each student;
- Availability of certified, bilingual math teachers for fostering optimal learning conditions while ensuring that students get the help they need, including evenings and weekends;
- Assessments aligned to the Quantile Framework provide educators with a reliable measure of student readiness to learn specific concepts;
- Reporting functionality allows educators to make data-driven insights to drive instruction;
- Pricing: \$8,450 per site license with Premier Plus Support or \$32.50 per user (whichever is most cost effective).

#GoOpenNC Open Educational Resources and Collaborative Space (included at no additional cost)

- #GoOpenNC is a collaborative space for K-12 educators across the state to find standards-aligned educational resources and share open education resources;
- Open author tool supports educators in creating openly licensed educational resources (lesson plans, curricular units, activities, textbooks, and full courses) that meet accessibility guidelines and are aligned to North Carolina Standard Course of Study standards;
- Custom groups allow educators to organize and collaborate on resources for specific education topics by grade level, subject area, or location (School or LEA specific groups);
- Content hubs allow educators to easily find collections of resources specific to their needs, including Global Education, STEM, Project Based Learning, Tools 4 NC Teachers, and School Library Media.

PowerSchool (included at no additional cost)

- Standard object report enhancements, consecutive absence alert, summer school enrollments and mass enroll capabilities for summer school, end of summer school process, a state reporting help feature, and enterprise reporting enhancements;
- PowerTeacher Pro (Gradebook) with a cleaner interface and features like:
 - no more Java dependencies;
 - mobile-responsive design;
 - ability to import scores;
 - fully integrated standards-based grading;
 - built-in progress reporting;
- professional judgment indicator that helps teachers understand which grades to focus on to determine if the final grade accurately reflects the student's level of

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understanding • ability to copy over assignments from PT Gradebook • Section Readiness Report.

All price quotes are good for the 2020-21 school year. Prices are based on state appropriated funding and are subject to change in subsequent years.

Access to the [Home Base Opt-in Tool](https://schools.nc.gov/homebaseaccess) is available at <https://schools.nc.gov/homebaseaccess>. Only district finance officers and charter school principals may request access to the online opt-in tool for their district/school. When submitting a request, you are confirming that district/school leadership supports the decision to opt-in. If your PSU currently has access to Schoolnet and NCEES Unified Talent and is planning to continue use for the 2020-21 school year, you must indicate planned usage for school year 2020-21 by **June 15**. Otherwise, your access will be discontinued on **July 1**. After access request is approved, an invoice will be generated within the opt-in tool and emailed to the email recipient within the tool.

Providing school districts and charter schools access to robust digital content is a priority for DPI. Through the Digital Learning Initiative, we are collaborating with state partners to bring additional digital content to Home Base in the 2020-21 school year.

Checks should be made payable to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (TIN # 561492826), with "Home Base 2020-21" in the memo line. Mail the invoice and check to: NC Department of Public Instruction
Cash Management and Collections
6336 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-6336

Payment is due August 31, 2020.

Thank you for collaborating with us to offer powerful, integrated digital learning tools to improve learning opportunities for all students and educators across North Carolina. We hope to see 100 percent district opt-in. If you have questions concerning the opt-in process, please contact Yolanda Wilson, Home Base Opt-in Administrator, at yolanda.wilson@dpi.nc.gov. You may also visit our [Home Base Opt-in FAQs](#) for additional information.

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